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To: [Steve Zhang](#)
Subject: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011 - Acknowledgement
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 4:15:23 PM
Attachments: [FOI Request TRA-2019-91011 - Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

Please see the attached regarding your FOI request.

Thank you.

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From: [Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX](#)
To: [Steve Zhang](#)
Subject: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:13:57 PM

Good morning Steve,

I am the FOI Analyst assigned to your recent FOI request for:

All records including, but not limited to, memos, briefing notes and emails, from the BC government and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the development process of the provincial ride-share legislation introduced on November 19, 2018. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 11/01/2018)

The Ministry has come back and advised due to the broad scope of your request, this would accrue a large search time with thousands of pages etc. and involve multiple program areas. In turn, this would generate a rather large fee. That being said; to assist you with your request, if you could please provide more clarity around the term "**development process**" as the development of this legislation has been complex and has many levels of stakeholders. Also, I have provided some narrowing suggestions that may aid in reducing and/or eliminate a fee all together.

1. Reducing the time period for which you have requested records.
2. Narrowing down the specific types of records (e.g. final versus draft, or correspondence, or briefing notes, or reports),
3. Specify the Ministry and/or external contractors involved in the **development process**. (e.g. Ministry of Attorney General (MAG), or Government Communications & Public Engagement (GCPE) etc.)
4. Any further narrowing suggestions are welcome.

I look forward to your reply and suggestions.

Thank you,

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From: Steve Zhang
To: "Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX"
Subject: RE: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:55:00 PM

Hello Katie,

Thank you for your email!

In regards to some narrowing for my initial request, I've come up with the following changes:

- Documents from July 1, 2018 to November 1, 2018
- Briefing notes concerning the tabling and drafting, and draft versions, of the legislation introduced November 19, 2018 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as correspondence between the Ministry and ride-hailing companies, like Uber and Lyft, regarding the contents of the legislation

Please let me know if this helps at all.

Thanks again!

Steve

From: Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX [mailto:Katie.Nieminen@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:14 PM

To: Steve Zhang <SteveZhang3@cmail.carleton.ca>

Subject: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011

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From: Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX
To: Steve Zhang
Subject: RE: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Friday, March 8, 2019 6:22:49 PM

Hello Steve,

Thank you for your quick response.

I will provide your suggestion to the Ministry and get back to you shortly.

Suggestion: *Briefing notes concerning the tabling and drafting, and draft versions, of the legislation introduced November 19, 2018 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as correspondence between the Ministry and ride-hailing companies, like Uber and Lyft, regarding the contents of the legislation (Date range: July 1, 2018 to November 1, 2018).*

Warm regards,

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From: Steve Zhang <SteveZhang3@cmail.carleton.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX <Katie.Nieminen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011

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From: Nieminen, Katie
To: Steve Zhang
Subject: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:39:14 AM
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Hello Steve,

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From: Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX
To: Steve Zhang
Subject: RE: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:58:12 AM

Good morning Steve,

The Ministry advised that due to your revised wording, there would be **no fee**. Therefore; we will continue to process your request.

Revised Wording: ***Briefing notes concerning the tabling and drafting, and draft versions, of the legislation introduced November 19, 2018 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as correspondence between the Ministry and ride-hailing companies, like Uber and Lyft, regarding the contents of the legislation (Date range: July 1, 2018 to November 1, 2018).***

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From: Steve Zhang
To: Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX
Subject: Re: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:10:43 PM

Hi Katie,

Thanks for your email!

I just saw the email you sent a little bit after this initial note. I noticed that in the letter you attached it said you guys require some more information from me to identify the records, but I'm not entirely sure how I can revise my request further.

Do you have any suggestions?

Thanks again!

Steve

On Mar 15, 2019, at 10:58, Nieminen, Katie CITZ:EX <Katie.Nieminen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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From: Nieminen, Katie
To: Steve Zhang
Subject: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:21:42 PM
Attachments: FOI Request TRA-2019-91011.pdf

Hello Steve,

Please see the attached regarding your FOI request.

No action is required from you at this time.

Thank you.

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